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# GIANT SHOWROOM CHAMPIONS



*FLASH, Cac.*

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SALEM DAHLIA GARDENS

236 Grant Street

Salem, N. J.



### **FLASH, Cac.**

This striking bi-color cactus (some blooms may come semi-cactus) has an unusual formation and color effect. The petals are crimson red tipped pure white and many of them are laciniated to form "chicken-feet" divisions, which curl and twist, two pointing in one direction and the third in the opposite direction. While it has been grown to nearly 11 inches, we recommend it for the medium sized classes. The bush grows from 5 to 7 feet high, is an early and continuous bloomer and very prolific, besides the blooms are wonderful keepers. Flash won the American Home Achievement Medal at Pittsburgh, was runner-up to Progress at Baltimore, while at the New York Show it captured the handsome Leonard Barron Memorial Trophy awarded by the Flower Grower Magazine; also Award of Merit at Georgia Trials. It is the only dahlia mentioned on all the Honor Rolls of 1939.

**Root, \$15.00; Plant, \$7.50**

### **OUR PREVIOUS WINNERS**

#### **MY DELIGHT, F.D.**

A dahlia of new and beautiful color combination—mallow purple or pinkish mauve lavender on the outer three-fourths of the petals while the base of each petal is white and blends with the outer color; form, regular petals falling back with slight twist; centers high, well developed; blooms held facing to looking up on erect, strong stems; average size, 8"x4"; plant medium in size and insect resistant. Award of Honor Dahlia Society of Georgia, for valuable color and other qualities. This was great in many basket displays.

**Root, \$5.00; Plant, \$1.65**

#### **YOUR LUCKY STAR, C. (A.D.F.)**

A straight cactus of amaranth pink with white center. Flowers are borne facing on long, straight stems, and will grow over a foot across. Bush is very rugged and attains a height of five feet. It was a great winner.

**Root, \$5.00; Plant, \$1.65**

#### **MOTHER'S DAY, I.D.**

One of the best whites in existence. Won as the best dahlia in Australia, defeating many fine American varieties. It was sensational at the recent New York and Cleveland shows. It is not only large, but immense in size. Blooms are on the sides of unusually long stems 10 to 12 inches above first set of leaves. Bushes are very hardy and will attain a height of nine feet when grown properly. Stock very limited.

**Root, \$10.00; Plant, \$5.00**

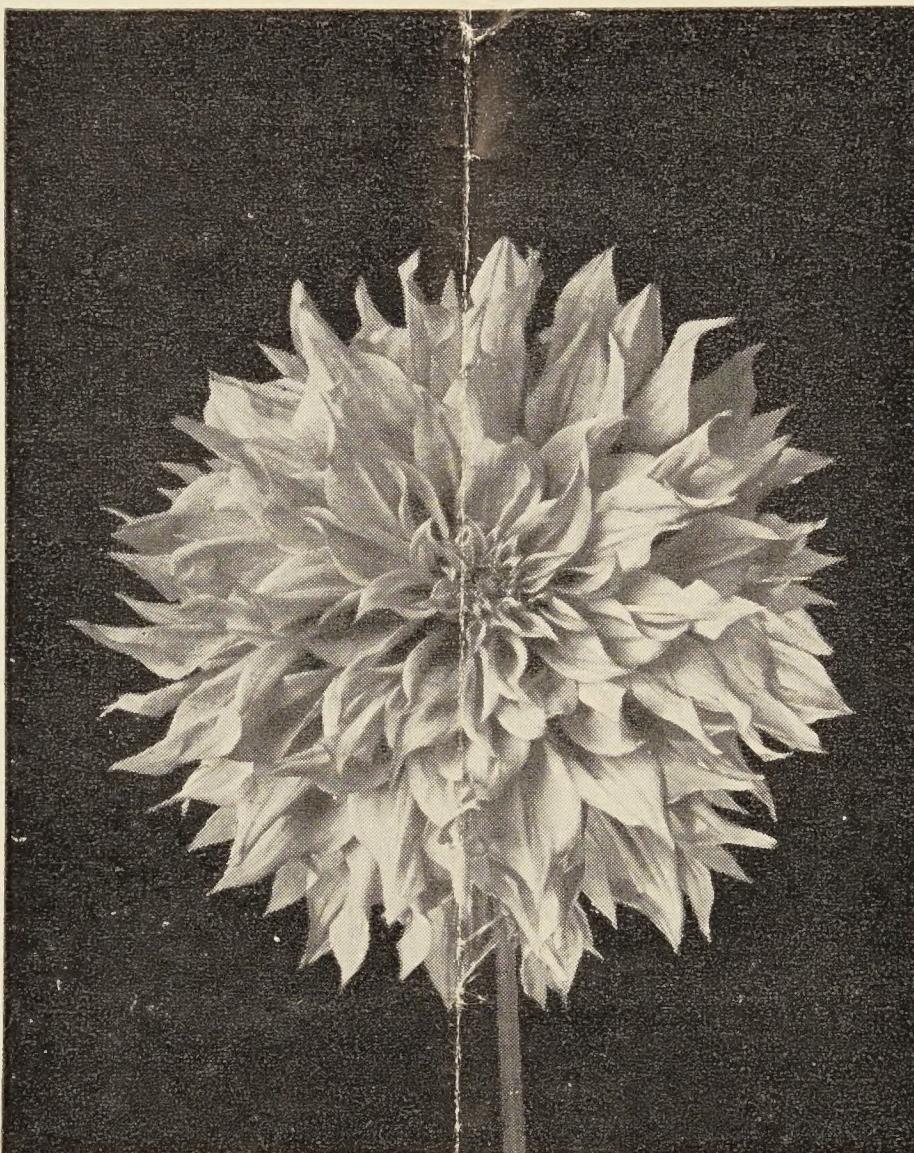
#### **MRS. B. AMBER, I.D.**

An Australian dahlia. The blooms are immense in size on long straight stems. The color is very rich, ranging from cadmium yellow to raw sienna. The petals are somewhat crinkled and have a glistening sheen. Bush grows to 4½ feet and is literally loaded with exhibition blooms from early season until frost. A great winner.

**Root, \$5.00; Plant, \$1.65**

## **Our Giant Showroom Champions**

Look at the records and you will find that our "Giant Showroom Champions" led all other dahlias in the showrooms the past Fall. Everybody's Favorite was the top winner in the House Beautiful Futurity Classes; Glamour won several trophies and blue ribbons; Aurora many first prizes, while our older originations, such as Robt. L. Ripley, Greater Glory, Discovery, etc., won as largest and best dahlia in many shows besides many other prizes. We feel you will be greatly pleased with the new Champions we are offering for the 1940 season.



**PROGRESS I.D.**

An exhibition bloom of immense size and excellent quality, being carried on unusually long and very stiff and straight stems, 12 to 15 inches above the first set of leaves. In color it is rosy mauve. The petals have a wavy formation and the outer ones fall well back to the stem giving the bloom great depth. It is an excellent keeper for such a large variety. The bush is clean growing with green leathery foliage and obtains a height of 5 to 7 feet, is a good bloomer and never stunts even in the hottest weather. It won as best specimen seedling at Peekskill; also the American Home Achievement Medal at Baltimore where it was twice as large as any other seedling in the class.

**Root, \$15.00; Plant, \$7.50**

### **LITTLE REBEL, Pom.**

White with a faint trace of lemon yellow at base of petals. The blooms are almost ball shaped and are carried on extra long stems. A hardy grower and one of the most prolific we know of. Won as the best seedling pompon in the Baltimore Show.

**Root, \$1.50; Plant, \$.75**

#### **AMERICAN VICTORY, F.D.**

This is a seedling from the American Dahlia Farms. It won the American Home Achievement Medal at Scranton, Pa., and Birmingham, Ala.; also the Horticulture Award at Clementon, N. J. This record is proof enough that it is good. The color is a rich deep red which attracts you the moment you see it. Nice stems, dark green foliage and a splendid plant to grow. Height 5 feet.

**Root, \$10.00; Plant, \$5.00**

### **OUR PREVIOUS WINNERS**

#### **EVERYBODY'S FAVORITE, I.D.**

A rose pink bloom without the faintest trace of lavender. It is very large and can easily be grown over a foot across. The petals slightly twist and fall back to the stem giving the bloom tremendous depth. The stem is good and the bush is very rugged and hardy and attains a height of eight feet. Winner of the D. W. Hart Medal, highest award in the seedling classes at the Mid-West Show at Detroit in 1938. This past Fall it was top winner in the House Beautiful Dahlia Futurity. It also won many other prizes.

**Root, \$10.00; Plant, \$3.35**

#### **GLAMOUR, I.D.**

An immense true purple with each petal deeply edged amaranth pink—something very distinctive and entirely different from any existing variety. As the bloom develops the petals fall back to the stem giving it great depth. It has been grown 14x11 inches and we believe it can be grown even larger. It has a perfectly straight and exceeding stiff stem. The bush grows six to seven feet high and is very hardy; insects do not seem to bother it. Winner of the Achievement Medal at Baltimore in 1938. It won several trophies, many blue ribbons, and was the largest and best dahlia in several shows the past season.

**Root, \$10.00; Plant, \$3.50**

#### **AURORA, F.-I.D.**

The runner-up for the Achievement Medal at Camden in the hottest class of seedlings ever shown in the East, defeating at least three of the 1938 A. M. winners. It is rose pink overlaid wax yellow giving it a peach pink appearance. A very beautiful dahlia which is greatly enhanced under artificial light. Many blooms reach 13 inches and they have stiff stems. The bush is very hardy, prolific in blooming and grows seven feet high. It won many blue ribbons the past season.

**Root, \$7.50; Plant, \$2.50**

#### **BRILLIANT LADY, I.D.**

A bright reddish French purple reflexed silver. Many of the outer petals roll and twist showing the silver reverse which adds to its attractiveness. Blooms are 11 to 12 inches with good depth. Stems are extra long and straight. The bush is hardy, very clean growing and reaches a height of seven feet. One of the most admired dahlias in our gardens the past season. Blue ribbon winner in several shows the past Fall.

**Root, \$7.50; Plant, \$2.50**

## SOME OLDER ORIGINATIONS

### RED SALUTE, F.D.

—Bright scarlet; reverse of petals carries shadings of old rose on scarlet. When grown in the field without irrigation or fertilizer, blooms are 9x6 inches; they have high and full centers, and petals fall back to the stems and terminate with serrated tips. Strong stems hold the blooms ten inches above first set of leaves. Plants resist insects, are vigorous and very prolific and keep growing during the heat and drought of Summer. When given some fertilizer and irrigated, plants will attain a height of eight feet and blooms will go to 11 inches.

Root, \$3.00; plant, \$1.00

### WAR ADMIRAL, I.D.

—At the Georgia Trial Grounds, this variety was described as of apricot color with a distinctive rosy pink reverse. With us the color was much deeper, even going into the carmine. Blooms are unusually large in size: petals slightly twist and have good substance. Stems are straight and stiff and hold the blooms 8 to 10 inches above the first set of leaves. Plant vigorous. Foliage thick, leathery, insect-resistant and dark green.

Root, \$2.50; plant, \$1.00

### GREATER GLORY, S.C.-Cac

—Upon first opening the bloom may be classed as semi-cactus, but as it develops many of the petals curl and twist and it is decidedly cactus. The color is a deep rose pink, but occasionally a bloom will show some deep cream in the center. Bush is very vigorous and grows seven to eight feet tall. It is one of the most beautiful and artistic dahlias ever originated, of immense size on very long and straight stems. Winner of many first prizes.

Root, \$2.50; plant, \$1.00

We are growing over a hundred varieties of dahlias originated by other growers. Send us your requirements and we shall be glad to quote prices. Be sure to get our Rooted Cuttings List, ready about March 10th. Any of the varieties herein listed may also be purchased from B and B Gardens, Port Huron, Mich., and from Glenden Dahlia Gardens, 230 N. Clayton St., Wilmington, Del.

### RUD. KIPLING, F.D.

—Blooms do not grow quite so large, only 9-11 inches, but they attract attention on account of their wonderful color and stiff stems. The color is very deep rose with shadings of ashes of rose. Another winner.

Root, \$1.25; plant, \$.75

### DAVID COPPERFIELD, I.D.

—Another of our winning giants. These blooms also have great depth and very high centers, and although the petals are rather broad, blooms are not at all coarse when fully developed. They are violet purple in color.

Root, \$1.25; plant, \$.75

### ROBT. L. RIPLEY, I.D.

—Rhodamine purple with deep rose pink suffusions throughout the entire bloom. It is immense in size, 16x12, or 192 inches. Stems are straight and strong. The bush is vigorous and grows to a height of seven feet. It won many first prizes at major shows all over the country.

Root, \$2.50; plant, \$.75

### DISCOVERY, I.D.

—Deep rosy magenta with deep reddish garnet center. Many of the petals twist, showing a red reverse. Very attractive in color. Bush of medium height; stems are strong. Excellent for forcing for the largest bloom class. Won many firsts the past Fall.

Root, \$1.25; plant, \$.75

### HERITAGE, I.D.-S.C.

—Immense blooms of violet purple suffused true purple on long stems. Height of bush seven feet; very prolific bloomer. Different soils and growing conditions may change the type of this dahlia.

Root, \$1.25; plant, \$.75

Royal Purchase, I.C., root, \$.75; Salem Streamline, I.D., root \$1.00; America's Sweetheart, I.D., root, \$.75; Blue River, F.D., root, \$.49; Golden Hoard, I.D., root, \$.50.

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